



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail # 873.1

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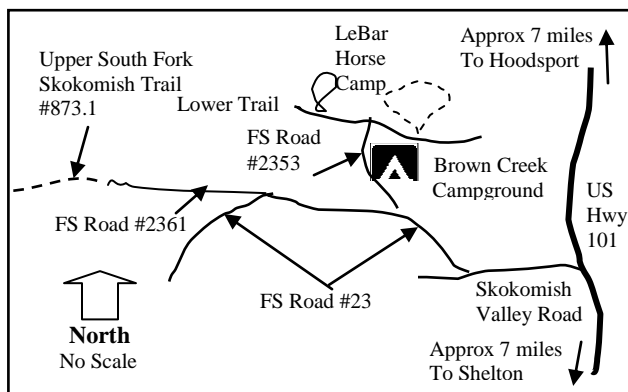


Recommended Season

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



ACCESS: Located 22 miles northwest of Shelton in the Skokomish River Recreation Area. Travel US Highway 101 to the Skokomish Valley road 6 mi. north of Shelton, 7 mi. south of Hoodport. Turn west on the Valley road and drive 5.3 miles to the junction with FS Road #23. Turn right and proceed for 15 miles on FS Road #23 to the junction with FS Road #2361. Turn right on FS Road #2361 (wildlife gate closed Oct 1 thru May 1) and proceed for 4 miles to the end of the road and the trailhead.



FACILITIES: Stock unloading ramp and parking for up to 8 vehicles is available. There is no toilet or potable water at the trailhead.

SETTING: This trail wanders through old growth forest and crosses the South Fork Skokomish River and other streams several times before reaching an old avalanche chute at approximately 1.8 miles. The trail then begins to climb up the canyon above the Skokomish River Valley. The trail becomes a way-trail at the Park boundary.

TRAIL INFORMATION: This trail receives yearly maintenance and is in good condition to the Park boundary. Campsites are available along the trail corridor. A flat area near Snowfield Creek makes an excellent campsite.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead	0.0	1,250'
Rule Creek & Lower South Fork Skokomish River	1.2	1,300'
Crossing * Bridge is out*		
Tumble Creek	1.9	1,600'
Upper Skokomish Crossing	2.2	1,500'
Snowfield Creek	2.7	1,700'
Startup Creek	4.0	1,800'
Park Boundary	4.9	2,700'
Sundown Pass	6.9	4,103'
Jct.w Sundown Lake Trail	7.3	3,700'
Sundown Lake	7.6	3,850'

NOTE: * Fording the river can be difficult to impossible depending on flow of the river *

The trail is in a primitive condition after the Park Boundary and receives limited trail maintenance. Backcountry skills and equipment such as map, compass, and altimeter are highly recommended for traveling beyond the National Park boundary.

OPPORTUNITIES: Day hiking, camping, stock packing (stream crossings may be difficult for stock), wildlife viewing and bird watching.

CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles and mountain bikes prohibited. This trail is closed to horses at the Park Boundary. Mountain bikes and pets are prohibited in the Olympic National Park.

TOPO MAPS: Mt. Skokomish – Lake Cushman Custom Correct Map or Mt. Tebo USGS Quad.

PASS NOT REQUIRED: A Recreation Pass is NOT REQUIRED at this trailhead.